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Copies of the first five U.S. Patents cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are attached. Copies of the rest of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application, Application No. 09/985,254, filing date November 2, 2001, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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